DENTON OFFUT'S STORE

Denton Offut secured a license on July 8, 1831, to operate a retail store in New Salem. With the assistance of Abraham Lincoln he erected a log store building the following month. After its completion Lincoln was employed as a clerk. He slept in the rear room and boarded with the Rowan Herndon family who lived a short distance to the southwest. Later Offut rented the mill and employed William Green to assist Lincoln with the details of both enterprises.

This famous little store operated for the short period of eight months and closed its door in April, 1832, when Offut fled the country, leaving his creditors unpaid.

Historic New Salem State Park is located near Petersburg on Highways 97 and 123 about 17 miles northwest of Springfield, Illinois.

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